

Jim, you were unhappy on your tonight's call to that effect that as amended the Order 10501 gives Archives the right to be part of the nation's first line of military defense, so I was unhappy for you and didn't think. The real question here is did the Archives use that authority, not did they have it, although you did raise that question, too. Well, if my recollection is correct, and I'm not sure that it is re 10501, on original classification certain things were to be affixed. I have all the declassified pages. On not one of these does the required data appear. There is nothing but the original Top Secret stamp that is then scratched through. However, they do have and did use a declassification stamp. In each case it is used and is filled in. If you face an extremity on this in court, ask Gensell to order them to deliver the thing to him ~~and~~ so he can examine it. Not having seen anything they claim to have classified under the Nixon order, I can't say they do it wrong, meaning didn't do it. My hunch is they did not, unless in preparation for this. HW 3/11/74 For your comfort: I have some Ward & Paul files, not Commission. They also stamped their own records Top Secret, even the bills and receipts.